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Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

7/15/2011

Dear Commissioners:

I'm writing to encourage your approval of the AT&T/T-Mobile merger, particularly in light of the positive impact it promises to have for the more rural areas of our country and the state of Montana. The economies of scale created by this merger will allow the combined companies to deploy their 4G-LTE network more rapidly and in areas that might not be otherwise served.

With that increased service will come better economic opportunity for people in rural America. High-speed broadband gives better access to markets and consumers that might not otherwise be available. In addition, students in rural areas will have better education opportunities through distance learning and online courses.



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The technological advances we're seeing in broadband shouldn't be for urban citizens only. This merger offers a unique opportunity to create a company with a larger reach and more bandwidth capacity to serve areas that might not otherwise be considered economically feasible.

I urge your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J. Knox", written over the word "Rep. James Knox".

Rep. James Knox